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GENEVA FOR LOS DELEGATION

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SUBJ: ECUADOREAN VIEWS ON LOS AND FISHERIES MATTERS

1. I MET SPEARATELY ON APRIL 4 WITH BOTH FONMIN LUCIO-PAREDES AND SUBSECRETARY RODRIGO VALDEZ AND ELICITED THEIR VIEW ON CURRENT LOS DEVELOPMENTS.

2. VALDEZ TOLD ME HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE EXCHANGES THAT OUR TWO DELEGATIONS WERE HAVING IN GENEVA ON FISHING MATTERS. WITH RESPECT TO A FISHERIES AGREEMENT, HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT SOMETHING COULD IN FACT BE WORKED OUT ON A REGIONAL BASIS. HE SIAD ECUADOR HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PERU AND THAT "PERU IS IN AGREEMENT WITH US." THE GOE HAS NOT TALKED WITH CHILE BECAUSE TUNA DOES NOT GO DOWN THAT FAR;" HOWEVER, IF IT WERE NECESSARY TO INCLUDE CHILE, VALDEZ FORESAW NO DIFFICULTY IN DOING SO. WITH RESPECT TO COLOMBIA, VALDEZ

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SAID HE THOUGHT ECUADOR COULD MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENT WITH

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THEM. THE U.S., HE SAID, SHOULD APPROACH MEXICO AND
COSTA RICA. WE COULD ENTER INTO SUCH A REGIONAL AGREE-
MENT "FROM MEXICO TO PATAGONIA," VALDEZ SAID, BUT "ECUADOR CAN
NEVER SIGN A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES."

3. WHEN I ASKED FONMIN LUCIO-PAREDES HOW HE VIEWED THE
GENEVA LOS TALKS HE EVIDENCED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
QUALIFIED OPTIMISM. HE SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY HAD TO
DEFEND A 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA BECAUSE IT WAS THE
LAW OF THE LAND; THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF THIS POSITION
WITHOUT ANY CHANGE HAD HAD A USEFUL EFFECT IN THE CONFERENCE;
AND THAT EVERYBODY WAS NOW TALKING ABOUT 200 MILES. SOME-
THING WILL COME OUT OF THE CONFERENCE, LUCIO PAREDES THOUGHT.
IN A RARE ADMISSION, HE INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT IN FACT
EXPECT THE RESULT TO BE A 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. FURTHER,
HE LEFT ME WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT SOMEHOW OR OTHER
ECUADOR WOULD BE ABLE TO GO ALONG.
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